

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:**

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The catalyst composition according to claim 2, A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from alkaline earth metals;

A' represents at least one element selected from rare earth elements;

B represents Ti;

B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements (excluding rare earth elements, Ti, Rh, and Pt) and Al;

N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt;

x represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < x < 0.4$ ;

y represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < y < 0.5$ ;

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z < 0.5$ ; and

x represents 0 when N represents Pt alone;

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr, and Ba in the general formula (1); and

wherein y represents 0 in the general formula (1).

4-7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (2):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba;

B represents Ti;

N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt; and

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z \leq 0.5$ .

9. (Original) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (3):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba;

B represents Ti; and

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z \leq 0.5$ .

10. (Previously Presented) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (4):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca and Ba;

B represents Ti; and

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z \leq 0.5$ .

11-20. (Canceled).